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In 1947, East German authorities confiscated a sum of RM 680,000 owned by the administration of the Protestant Church. Efforts were initiated years ago to have the money returned to its legitimate owner. Otto Nuschke is said to have pleaded for a return of the money under conditions favorable for its owners, pointing out that the return of the money at the present moment would have a favorable effect upon public opinion. On 12 October 1953, the administration of the Protestant Church received a check made out for 340,000 eastmarks with the stipulation that the money be spent on hospitals and installations of the Home Mission.

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